SUBJECT No. 11.

Raiyats' liability to maintain tanks.

Mr. Sinappa, Bagepalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.— The rule under contemplation rendering the raiyats liable to criminal prosecution, if they do not execute maintenance work to their tanks, may not be passed.

Reply of Government.—The Draft Regulation now under consideration does not contemplate the criminal prosecution of such defaulters.

SUBJECT No. 12.

The Village Panchayat.

Messrs. B. Kesavaiengar, Kesavadasaiengar, Sondekoppada Dasappa and K. Subbanna.

Summary of discussion.—Formerly every village had its own *Yejamansetty* and *Panchayats*, who used to dispose of petty Civil and Criminal cases. There was not so much of false evidence as at present. There are conciliatory Courts in England, and the poor people are put to less cost, while justice is secured. The system formerly in vogue may be introduced.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is a good one. In this connection the Chief Court has suggested that if two-thirds of the inhabitants of a village paying an assessment of Rs. 10 and above apply for a Village Munsiff being appointed from among the inhabitants, such an appointment may be made. The opinions of Deputy Commissioners will be called for, and the matter will receive consideration.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Municipal Regulation.

Messrs. Subbaraya Sastri, Veeranna, Kashti Hyder Sab, M. S. Ramachar, K. Venkatasubbaiya, D. S. Gopalachar, Naranappa, Karigiriyappa, Puttanna, Rama Sanjivaiya, S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., and Venkataramaiya.

Summary of discussion.—The new Municipal Regulation may be brought into force soon.

Reply of Government.—The Draft Municipal Regulation has just received the sanction of the Government of India. It will soon be promulgated into law.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Enhancement of age limit for girls prescribed in the Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit, Srinivasa Rao, Vasudeva Rao, Tirumal Rao and Venkataramaiya.

Summary of discussion.—It is advisable to raise the age limit fixed in the Infant Marriage Prevention Regulation in the case of girls, from eight to ten years. Boys should be debarred from appearing for University Examinations if they are married.

Mr. Venkataramaiya of the Channarayapatna Taluk spoke against any extension of the existing law. Several other members also spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—The change proposed is not feasible in the present state of public opinion.

SUBJECT No. 15.

Introduction of the Gambling Act.

Messrs. Venkatasamaiya, Siddagangappa, H. Shama Rao, Rattihalli Puttappa, Naranappa, Karigiriyappa and Puttanna.

Summary of discussion.—Gambling has very much increased of late, and many people have thereby lost all their property. It is therefore prayed that the Gambling Act be introduced early.

Reply of Government.—The Draft Police Regulation now under consideration embodies the necessary provisions.